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House. On account of the closure of the City Lunch Home, a dispute arose between its workers and the management. The Labour Officer, Mangalore, took up conciliation but adjourned it to 10th August 1956 so that another attempt might be made by the management and the workers to come to a settlement. On 8th August 1956 the management and the workers came to an agreement by which the management paid compensation at increased rates to all workers and the matter was settled.

Site for the expansion of livestock farm in Pudukkottai Division

* 337 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 14th August 1956 to a supplementary question on Question No. 84—

(*a*) the nature of the difference of opinion between the Animal Husbandry department and the Forest department in the matter of selection of a site for the expansion of the present livestock farm in Pudukkottai Division of Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) the site recommended by (1) the Animal Husbandry department and (2) the Forest department?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The Machwadi reserved forest has been recommended by the Animal Husbandry department. Government are generally against disreservation of reserved forests. The matter is therefore still under consideration.

(*b*) No site has been recommended by the Forest department as they were not asked to recommend any.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Sir, in view of the fact that the reserved forest that has been recommended by the Animal Husbandry department is not a big forest as such and as that area is covered only with small bushes, will the Government come forward to suggest to the Forest department to allow this site? They are standing in the way of expansion of this cattle farm. This farm is useful not only to Pudukkottai but also to surrounding places like Madurai and Ramanathapuram districts.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Forest department cannot stand in the way of any development programme, but it is for the Government to decide whether we could disreserve this reserved forest area. I would also like to take into account the local public opinion in this matter. The Government are looking into the entire matter and they will be taking a decision very soon.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, in assessing the local public opinion, will the Hon. Minister take into account the All-party public opinion instead of the opinion of one single party in view

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of the fact that the Machuwadi area, as was pointed out by the hon. Member Sri R. V. Swaminathan, is a popular site from all points of view?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I know only one public opinion which I will take into consideration and while assessing the public opinion, the view that could be expressed by the hon. Member will certainly be taken into consideration.

Manufacture of paper in the State

* 338 Q.—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the reports of the experts including from those foreign countries like Italy, East Germany, etc., who investigated into the possibility of starting mills to manufacture writing paper and newsprint in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : At the invitation of the Government of India, two teams of paper experts one German and another Italian visited India some months ago to appraise the resources available for the development of the paper, pulp and newsprint industries. Among other locations, they visited the Nilgiris area in this State. The reports of the experts have not yet been received by the State Government.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, may I know whether any suggestion was made by this Government to the experts to visit areas like Nilambur in Malabar district and if so whether they have visited Nilambur and other places where bamboo and other raw materials necessary for the manufacture of paper are available in abundance?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have already stated on the floor of this House that it is quite possible to start writing paper industry using the bamboos that are available in plenty in Nilambur area as raw material. It is only for the private sector to take up this industry.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Sir, may I know why the Central Government are not agreeing to start a paper mill in this State, though our Government are particular of starting such an industry here?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have also stated in this House that it is proposed to start a newsprint industry under the public sector and the Government of India are quite well interested in this matter.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Whether it should fall within the private sector or the public sector, have the Government taken advantage of the experts who visited this State to find out the potentialities of Nilambur also, so that we could have the benefit of their report?